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'NODONG SINMUN' ON NEED FOR MEDICINE, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2310 GMT 2 Feb 77 SK

[NODONG SINMUN 3 February editorial: "Let Us Further Promote the People's Welfare by Expanding the Production of Medicine and Medical Equipment"]

[Excerpts] Holding high the banner of the three revolutions, all party members and working people are now seething with the speed battle on all socialist construction fronts and are vigorously carrying out the revolution and construction. Today, when the political and economic might of the country has become stronger and the social system of the country has become more solid, we are assigned the important task of systematically heightening material and cultural welfare, and further promoting the health of our people who are waging a devoted struggle for the party and revolution. In this respect, it is very important to further enhance the superiority of the free medical care system of our country by expanding in a epoch-making manner the production of medicine, oriental herb medicine and medical equipment.

The great leader Comrade Kim II-song taught: "Under our social system, there is nothing more precious than human life. We must protect human life and further promote the health of working people by expanding and developing the public health field."

Under the socialist system of our country which is carrying through the realization of the immortal chuche idea, the most precious thing is man and, accordingly, every effort is being devoted to promoting and enhancing the health and welfare of the masses, the genuine master of our society.

The expansion of the production of medicine and medical instruments constitutes a lofty effort to protect the lives of the working people, who are the most valuable persons in our society, to promote their health and to guarantee their independent and creative life.

Today, in the glorious workers party era, we must produce medicine, oriental herb medicine and medical instruments in greater quantities and develop the people's public health facilities so that the people can realize their desire to enjoy good health and long life.

All party members and working people in the pharmaceutical and public health organs must vigorously implement the great leader's instructions concerning the public health field.

Thorough inspections, maintenance and full operation of the equipment and facilities in the pharmaceutical factories and medical instruments manufacturing plants serve as an important guarantee for producing medicine and medical instruments in greater quantities.

In the production of medicine, concentrated efforts must be exerted to cultivate in large quantities and, through a mass movement, medical herbs for the production of oriental medicine.

A mass movement to collect wild medical herbs must be vigorously carried out. At the same time, special attention must also be constantly paid to expanding and protecting medical herb resources.

The further promotion of the free medical care system by expanding the production of medicine, oriental herb medicine and medical instruments is the key to enhancing the party spirit, working class spirit and peoplemindedness of the functionaries. All functionaries must be deeply cognizant of the fact that to increase the production of medicine, oriental herb medicine and medical instruments is not only a practical matter but an important political activity. This is not only because the people receive the warm concern and care of the great leader Comrade Kim II-song more smoothly in this way, but also because the socialist system of our country, in which everything is spent for the promotion of the people's welfare is demonstrated. Therefore, all functionaries must display their revolutionary zeal and initiative in conducting this activity.

The party organizations in the pharmaceutical factories, medical instrument manufacturing plants and public health field must successfully plan organizational and political activities and implement the technological innovation movement in order to bring about a new upsurge in the production of medicine, oriental herb medicine and medical instruments.

At the same time, the party organizations must vigorously organize and mobilize the party members and working people so that they can carry out the struggle to unconditionally implement the great leader's instructions and the party policies.

DPRK YOUTH LEAGUE APPEALS TO SOUTHERNERS ON PROPOSALS

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0300 GMT 4 Feb 77 SK

[Text] The Central Committee of the Korean Socialist Working Youth League [SWYL] has published a statement appealing to the patriotic youth, students and people in South Korea to vigorously wage a sacred struggle for realizing the new national salvation proposal of joint rally of the political parties and social organizations held on 25 January in Pyongyang. The statement said:

At the joint rally of the political parties and social organizations in Pyongyang, the national salvation measures for eliminating the permanent division of the nation and the danger of war and expediting the independent reunification of the fatherland were discussed and a letter to the political parties, social organizations and people of all walks of life in South Korea and overseas compatriots was adopted. The letter, manifesting the lofty aspirations and desire for reunification and national salvation, proposed, in particular, a new way to realize the great unity between the socialist force of the North and the patriotic democratic force of the South, while putting forward a four-point national salvation proposal to settle the reunification issue of the country.

The proposals are the most realistic and patriotic ones and are based on the essence of the fatherland reunification issue and the urgent demands of reality created in our country. Once our proposals are realized, all patriotic forces of the North and South in our country will be firmly solidified under the principle of great national unity. The permanent division of the country and the disaster of war will virtually be eliminated by our independent national effort, and thus the task of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country will be successfully achieved.

The fatherland reunification task, which is the foremost task of our Korean people, is the pan-national task of establishing national sovereignty throughout the nation and achieving the nation's happiness and honor and unified independence and prosperity.

This lofty task is by no means one limited to only the benefits of a particular class or political faction, but is a common task of the nation which has a direct bearing on benefits for the entire nation, including our youths and students. In order to realize this sacred task, the entire nation must be firmly united and solidified as one, irrespective of whether workers, peasants, youths or students are involved, and whether they live in the North or South or overseas.

The stern reality in which one Korea has been divided by the splittists within and without and in which the nation is even confronted by the danger of nuclear war, demands a nationwide struggle to achieve the reunification of the fatherland by unifying the entire national strength.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught: "The entire Korean people, irrespective of their political views or religion, must be firmly united under the banner of safeguarding the fatherland and independently reunifying it, and actively struggle against the aggressive maneuvers of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists."

The national salvation proposals of our side with regard to the realization of the great unity of the socialist force in the North and the patriotic democratic force in the South are the most reasonable method for successfully achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland by mobilizing the entire effort of the nation.

Those who love the country and the people and want to see the reunification of the fatherland should not obstruct the realization of the great unity of the nation by emphasizing ideology and political views in distinction to the country and nation.

The socialist force in the North and the patriotic democratic force in the South—as long as fascists are not included—can easily be united on the road of the sacred struggle for the fatherland's reunification, even though there are differences in ideology and political views.

Unity is the way to reunification and national salvation. Therefore, we must realize the great national unity at any cost, frustrate the "two-Koreas" plot by the splittists within and without through the joint struggle of the nation and eliminate the danger of war in this land.

We now express our firm conviction that the patriotic South Korean youth and students, together with the workers, peasants and people of all walks of life in South Korea will wage a vigorous struggle, without delay, for realizing our just national salvation proposals in regard to realization of the great unity of the socialist force in the North and the patriotic democratic force in the South, alleviation of the tension between the North and the South, elimination of the danger of nuclear war, elimination of the source of unrest within the nation, the creation of a favorable atmosphere for the national unity and the convocation of the North-South political talks.

HO TAM EXCHANGES NEW YEAR MESSAGES WITH FOREIGN LEADERS

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1530 GMT 4 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 4 (KCNA)—Foreign Minister Ho Tam exchanged New Year's messages or cards with foreign ministers of various countries seeing in 1977.

Foreign Minister Ho Tam received New Year's messages or cards from:

Huang Hua, minister of foreign affairs of the People's Republic of China;

A. A. Gromyko, minister of foreign affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

George Macovescu, minister of foreign affairs of the Romanian Socialist Republic;

Petur Mladenov, minister of foreign affairs of the Bulgarian People's Republic;

Nguyen Duy Trinh, minister of foreign affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

Bohuslav Chnoupek, minister of foreign affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic;

Emil Wojtaszek, minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic;

Frigyes Puja, minister of foreign affairs of the Hungarian People's Republic;

Oskar Fischer, minister of foreign affairs of the German Democratic Republic;

Isidoro Malmierca Peoli, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Cuba;

M. Dugersuren, minister of foreign affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic;

Nesti Nase, minister of foreign affairs of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania;

Ieng Sary, deputy prime minister in charge of foreign affairs of the government of Democratic Cambodia;

Phoun Sipaseut, minister of foreign affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic;

Abdelaziz Bouteflika, minister of foreign affairs of the Algerian Democratic and Popular Republic who is member of the Council of Revolution;

'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, deputy premier of the cabinet and foreign minister of the Syrian Arab Republic;

S'adun Hammadi, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Iraq;

Isma'il Fahmi, minister of foreign affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

Bruno Rakotomavo, minister of foreign affairs of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar;

Aziz Ahmed, minister of state for defence and foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Y. B. Chavan, minister of external affairs of the Republic of India;

U Hla Phone, minister for foreign affairs of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma;

Tengku Ahmad Rithaudden Bin Tengku Ismail, minister of foreign affairs of Malaysia;

S. Rajaratnam, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Singapore;

Abas Ali Khalatbari, minister of foreign affairs of Iran;

Krishna Raj Aryal, minister for foreign affairs of the Kingdom of Nepal;

Fily Cissoko, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Guinea;

Charles Samba Sissoko, minister of foreign affairs and cooperation of the Republic of Mali;

Muhammad Salih Muti, minister of foreign affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen;

Albert Muganga, minister of foreign affairs and cooperation of the Republic of Burundi;

Aloys Nsekalije, minister of foreign affairs and cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda;

Leonel Mario D'alva, minister of foreign affairs of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe;

Wadal Abd Kadar Kamougue, minister of foreign affairs and cooperation of the Republic of Chad;

Ahmad Khalifah al-Suwaydi, minister of foreign affairs of the United Arab Emirates;

Hakhim Ibrahim, minister of foreign affairs of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic;

Suhaym Ibn Hamad Al Thani, minister of foreign affairs of State of Qatar;

Fred Randolph Wills, minister of foreign affairs of the Guyana Cooperative Republic;

Ramon Escovar Salom, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Venezuela;

Cesar Augusto Guzzetti, minister of foreign affairs and religion of the Republic of Argentina;

Willibald Pahr, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Austria;

K. B. Andersen, minister of foreign affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark;

Pierre Graber, director of the political department of the Confederation of Switzerland;

Keijo Korhonen, minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Finland; and

Knut Frydenlund, minister of foreign affairs of the Kingdom of Norway.

Foreign Minister Ho Tam sent them New Year's messages or cards.

'NODONG SINMUN' HATLS DATE OF SECOND HAVANA DECLARATION

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1543 GMT 4 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 4 (KCNA)--Papers today dedicate articles to the 15th anniversary of the publication of "The Second Havana Declaration."

In its article headlined "Vigorous Advance of Fraternal Cuban People" NODONG SINMUN says:

"The Second Havana Declaration" was adopted at the Second National People's Congress of Cuba in Havana on February 4, 1962, against the anti-Cuban "Declaration" cooked up in January 1962 for a sinister purpose against Cuba. Its publication demonstrated the will of the Cuban people and inspired the just struggle of the Latin American people.

The road covered by the Cuban people over the last 15 years attests to the correctness and vitality of "The Second Havana Declaration," says the article.

It continues: The fraternal Cuban people under the leadership of the Cuban Communist Party headed by Comrade Fidel Castro, their supreme leader, are achieving great successes in the revolution and construction, smashing the ceaseless subversive activities and sabotage of the imperialists and their stooges.

The imperialists' blockade and isolation policy against Cuba is being frustrated and the international position of the Republic of Cuba is rising higher.

The victorious advance of the Cuban revolution is an inspiration to the struggle of the Latin American people against imperialism and for independence.

The Korean people will make every effort to further strengthen and develop the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in the future.

The Korean people sincerely rejoice over all the successes made by the fraternal Cuban people in the revolution and construction and heartily wish them greater success in their future struggle.

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DPRK YOUTH SUPPORT PYONGYANG RALLY'S PROPOSAL ON UNIFICATION

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1058 GMT 4 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 4 (KCNA)--Alliance leads to the road of reunification and national salvation and the road of patriotism.

We must realize great alliance under all circumstances to curb and smash the "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without and thus remove the danger of war through the common struggle of the nation.

So stressed the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea in a statement made public on the third in connection with the new national salvation proposal advanced at the joint meeting of political parties and public organisations in Pyongyang.

Referring to the fact that the joint meeting put forward a proposal for realizing a great alliance of the socialist forces in the North and the patriotic democratic forces in the South, the statement noted:

In order to accomplish the sacred cause of national reunification, all compatriots in the North and the South and in foreign lands, be they workers, peasants, youth or students, must pool their strength and firmly unite.

Our national salvation proposal for realizing the great alliance of the socialist forces in the North and the patriotic democratic forces in the South is a reasonable way of achieving most successfully the independent and peaceful reunification of the country by enlisting all efforts of the nation.

Whoever loves the country and the nation and wants the reunification must not do such a thing as hampering the realization of the great alliance, only insisting on their ideology and assertion, at this grave juncture when the nation is facing the danger of permanent split and war.

The statement stressed: The socialist forces in the North and the patriotic democratic forces in the South can unite with each other on the

road of the sacred struggle for national reunification irrespective of the differences in their ideology and assertion if they are not fascists.

In conclusion, the statement expressed the belief that the patriotic youth and students of South Korea, together with workers, peasants and people of other strata, will powerfully wage a struggle for the immediate realization of our just national salvation proposal.

DPRK AGRICULTURAL UNION URGES SOUTH KOREANS TO STRUGGLE

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1025 GMT 5 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 5 (KCNA)—The Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Working People of Korea issued a statement on February 4, calling upon the entire South Korean peasants to powerfully struggle to build one Korea, a reunified and independent country, where there would be no foreign troops, no national discord and no suffering of split, actively responding to the four-point national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting of the political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25.

The statement said that the entire Korean people and the world people express unanimous sympathy for our recent call for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from South Korea and earnest hope for its early realization. It went on:

"With the U.S. troops, the basic obstacle to the reunification of our country, and large quantities of nuclear weapons brought by them left in South Korea, the relaxation of tension in our country and its peace and peaceful reunification cannot be expected. Now the United States has no ground or pretext whatsoever to keep its troops of aggression and nuclear weapons in South Korea.

"Even though the U.S. troops and nuclear weapons are withdrawn from South Korea, there will be no disturbance in our country. If the U.S. troops quit South Korea, the basic obstacle to the reunification of the country will be removed and our people will be able to successfully accomplish the cause of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country by themselves.

"When the agricultural working people in the northern half and the entire peasants in South Korea, who account for more than half of the population of our country, wage a nation-wide struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from South Korea with the united strength of the nation, firmly joining hands with the people of all strata, the U.S. imperialist troops of aggression will be unable to stay any longer and the day will break over the prospect of national reunification," the statement stressed.

SOUTH KOREAN WOMEN URGED TO SEEK REUNIFICATION

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0904 GMT 6 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 6 (KCNA)--All women's organisations and women in South Korea should come out determinedly to the venue of the political consultative conference for seeking practical ways for the settlement of the reunification question, with due understanding of our national salvation proposal promising the future of the reunified fatherland.

The Central Committee of the Korean Democratic Women's Union declared this in its statement issued on the 4th calling upon the women of various strata in South Korea to come out with vigor in the mass struggle for carrying into practice the four-point proposal for national salvation advanced at the joint meeting of political parties and public organisations held in Pyongyang.

"The most pressing task facing our women and the entire Korean people is to reunify the divided country and relieve them from the sufferings resulting from split," the statement noted, and continued:

"Our women and the entire people who had lived as a single nation in the united state down through history are now undergoing the sufferings of tragic division. They live separated in the North and the South and a great many people do not know whether their brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and children are still alive or dead. It is because of division that our fellow countrymen hate and antagonize each other and find themselves in the danger of war, wasting enormous energies and wealth of the nation.

"National split constitutes a source of breeding unrest, tension and antagonism within the nation and the danger of war. Our country must not be divided into 'two Koreas,' it must be reunified into one Korea.

"When the national salvation proposal advanced at the joint meeting [is] realized, it will help remove the danger of permanent division and a nuclear war from our country and bring our women and mothers reunified Korea free from sufferings of split," the statement stressed.

KCNA SCORES PAK CHONG-HUI REMARKS ON 'REVITALIZED SYSTEM'

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0848 GMT 6 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 6 (KCNA)--Traitor Pak Chong-hui, the chieftain of the South Korean puppet clique, turned up at the puppet Justice Ministry on February 4 and cried for defence of the "revitalised system," according to a report.

Accusing the South Korean people of "the lack of understanding of the true meaning of the revitalised system," he stringed out [as received] the balderdash that the "freedoms of the individuals" could be guaranteed and the "development of democracy" expected only under the "revitalised system."

This shameless sophism of the traitor turning truth upside down is an intolerable act making a mockery of the South Korean people who are courageously advancing under the banner of anti-"revitalisation."

Through their own life experiences over the last four years or more, the South Korean people have seen only too clearly the real aspect of the "revitalised system."

The South Korean people say that with "Pak Chong-hui's one-man tyranny" allowed under the "revitalised system," neither democracy nor the right to existence nor the reunification of the country can be expected, nor can the interests and sovereignty of the nation lost at the hand of the outside forces be regained. "We have risen up in an anti-Pak Chong-hui struggle to put a stop to his tyranny and we declare that we will fight indefinitely until we have overthrown Pak Chong-hui," they stated. This shows their awakening through their own experiences.

The fascist traitor was brazen enough to accuse those South Korean people of ignorance of some "true meaning" and tried to deceive someone with the rigmarole that something like "freedoms" and "development" could be derived from the "revitalised system."

In this the puppet boss, after all, admitted that his "revitalisation" slogan has irrevocably cracked up, coming up against the opposition of the people and he is making a futile attempt to piece it together at whatever cost.

Traitor Pak Chong-hui also grumbled at foreign public opinion critical of his clique.

As everyone knows, the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique have become a target of hatred and denunciation of all the honest-minded people of the world by strangling democracy and trampling underfoot and obliterating the last shred of human rights under the "revitalised system."

In this connection traitor Pak Chong-hui complained that "foreigners are arguing pros and cons" about his clique and "they are hardly understandable."

The protestations of traitor Pak Chong-hui that day suggest his new scheme to crack down upon the South Korean people. He made this clear when he, reiterating the slogan of "national harmony," ordered his hirelings to "invoke stringent laws" against the anti-"revitalisation" elements.

But the puppet clique cannot save the "revitalised system" which is fated to be destroyed by the opposition of the people or bar the righteous struggle of the people for smashing this barbaric fascist system.

ROK CHRISTIANS URGED TO STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL UNITY

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1017 GMT 7 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 7 (KCNA)—The Central Committee of the Korean Christians Federation issued a statement on February 5 appealing to the South Korean Christians to rise for the realization of the new national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

Saying that the fascist terror rule in South Korea today is a cancer undermining great national unity and marring an atmosphere of peaceful reunification, the statement went on:

In South Korea clergical persons who desire democracy and national salvation are chained and thrown into prison and Christian pastors who pray for reunification are put on murderous trial to be condemned to harsh penalties.

Under the situation in which believers who have undergone the bitter tragedy of national split for a long period are suppressed at the point of the bayonet for their prayer for reunification and national salvation at churches, great national unity cannot be achieved nor can an atmosphere of peaceful reunification be created.

Therefore, the letter adopted at the recent joint meeting strongly demanded that the fascist system of South Korea undermining the unity of the nation in the way of national reunification and destroying an atmosphere of peaceful reunification be abolished, the illegally arrested and imprisoned people of all segments including democratic figures and believers set free and freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration ensured.

Only when this patriotic appeal is translated into practice is it possible to get rid of the source of discord within the nation, realise democracy, achieve the national harmony and unity of all people including Christians and have a free discourse on the reunification of the country in South Korea.

The statement emphatically said that the South Korean Christians should join strength with the people of all sections and vigorously wage a patriotic struggle to carry out our proposal for eliminating the source of discord within the nation and creating an atmosphere of great national unity.

WRITERS, ARTISTS CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0359 GMT 7 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 7 (KCNA)—The Central Committee of the General Federation of the Unions of Literature and Arts of Korea [GFULAK] ardently appeals to the South Korean writers and artists who love the nation and the country and fight for justice and truth to determinedly join a nation—wide patriotic struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and rise up for the realization of our fair and aboveboard four—point national salvation proposal.

The Central Committee of the GFULAK made this appeal in a statement issued on February 5 on the new national salvation proposal put forward at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

The four-point national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting is the most realistic, fair and patriotic one which will bring a new bright morning of reunification over our country, the statement stressed, and said:

"Today when the whole nation is eagerly desirous of the reunification of the country and the world people are raising higher their voices in demand of the termination of Korea's division, the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean authorities are persistently trying to carry into effect the 'two Koreas' plot at any cost, putting up even the old signboard of the 'non-aggression pact' against the trend of the time.

"We writers and artists who love the country and have keenly experienced the tragedy of the national split pungently denounce with burning national indignation the splittist machinations and treacherous crimes of the U.S. imperialists and their followers."

A divided country must not be handed down to the generations to come, the statement said, and stressed:

"The entire writers and artists of Korea in the North and the South should firmly join their hands and turn out as one man to the sacred struggle to reunify the country and bring our single national culture into full bloom in a reunified country with the united patriotic force.

'NODONG SINMUN' SCORES APU REQUEST TO KEEP U.S. TROOPS IN ROK

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1554 GMT 7 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 7 (KCNA)——NODONG SINMUN today carries a commentary denouncing the joint statement adopted at the 12th general meeting of the "Asian Parliamentarians Union" held in Tokyo recently, which "requested" the U.S. Congress and administration to keep the U.S. troops in South Korea.

The act of the members of the "APU" demanding the stay of the U.S. troops in South Korea was intended to cast a chill over the resolution of the 30th United Nations General Assembly and the voice of the world peace-loving people calling for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea and it revealed their servile spirit of fawning upon those who are trying to remain the colonial ruler in Asia.

It must be noted that the "request" of the "APU" meeting is quite similar to the voice of the Japanese reactionaries telling the United States that the U.S. troops' pullback from South Korea is "unadvisable," remarks the commentary.

Moreover, it notes, the "request" of the "APU" meeting cannot be construed otherwise than as an attempt to defend the treacheries of the Pak Chong-hui puppet clique and pursue the same aim with them.

In conclusion, the commentary brands the "request" of the "APU" meeting for the stay of the U.S. troops in South Korea as anachronism going against the demand of the Asian people and the trend of the world.

DPRK BUDDHISTS SUPPORT PYONGYANG MEETING'S PROPOSAL

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1613 GMT 8 Feb 77 OW

[Text] Pyongyang, February 8 (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Korean Buddhists Federation issued a statement calling upon the South Korean Buddhists to join in the nationwide patriotic struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country in response to the National Salvation Proposal adopted at a joint meeting of political parties and public organisations held in Pyongyang.

The statement stressed that the new National Salvation Proposal put forward at the meeting is a most patriotic, fair and realistic one acceptable to all.

"The division of the country," it said, "imposes immeasurable misfortunes and sufferings not only upon our people but upon the Buddhists as well.

"To reunify the country is a nationwide patriotic cause of vital interest to all the Korean people, whether a worker or a peasant, a proletarian or a bourgeois, an atheist or a theist.

"This lofty national cause can be realized only by the united efforts of all the patriotic forces of the North and South truly aspiring after reunification.

"We Buddhists, too, together with the political parties, groupings and personages of all circles desirous of peace of the country and its peaceful reunification, transcending political views and religious beliefs, should join without delay in the patriotic work for achieving the great alliance of the socialist forces in the North and the patriotic democratic forces in the South," the statement emphasized.

DPRK LAWYERS SUPPORT PYONGYANG RALLY'S PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 8 (KCNA) -- The Korean Democratic Lawyers Association made public a statement on February 6 in connection with the national salvation proposal advanced at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

It ardently called upon the South Korean judicial organizations and lawyers to actively join the nationwide struggle for carrying into practice the four-point national salvation proposal adopted at the meeting.

Saying that there is neither fair law nor order protecting the people calling for democracy and peaceful reunification in South Korea, the statement noted: In South Korea where fascism stalks, there prevails a grave situation in which the traitors to the nation pursuing treachery and split are arresting, imprisoning, trying and punishing the patriots who love the country and the nation and demand peaceful reunification.

The statement condemned this hideous brutality of the South Korean authorities as a wanton violation of the people's dignity and democratic rights, an unpardonable insult to human conscience and law and a challenge to the world progressive lawyers demanding the release of the illegally detained patriots and political prisoners.

It held that in order to accomplish the cause of the country's independent and peaceful reunification, it is necessary to overthrow the fascist system and to have the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration guaranteed.

The statement stressed: The conscientious judicial figures of South Korea must not detain and try those demanding democracy and reunification and national salvation but try and punish the traitors, the fascist hoodlums pursuing permanent split and war.

In conclusion, the statement expressed the belief that the world progressive lawyers loving justice and democracy would extend full support to our fair four-point national salvation proposal and voice firm solidarity for our Korean people in the struggle for its realization.

JAPANESE PEOPLE DEMAND U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 9 (KCNA)—The "13th people's meeting opposing the retrogressive revision of the constitution and championing peace and democracy" was held in Matsue, Shimane Prefecture, Japan, for 3 days beginning January 29 with attendance of more than 2,000 workers and people of other strata in Japan, according to a KNS report from Tokyo.

The meeting was addressed by a representative member, the General Secretary of the Japan Socialist Party and the Chairman of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan (Sohyo). Their speeches centered on the question of forcing the U.S. troops to withdraw from South Korea.

The resolution demanding the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea, denouncing the fascist rule of the Pak "regime" and supporting the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea presented by the second sub-committee meeting was unanimously adopted at the closing plenary meeting.

The resolution demanded the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea to the last one and called for a resolute struggle against the Pak "regime's" crackdown upon the patriotic struggle of the South Korean people.

The resolution lashed the Japanese Government for persisting in its dangerous hostile policy against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and continuing its economic "aid" to South Korea and strongly demanded a prompt end to them.

The resolution also called for further expanding and stepping up the action of support to see earlier independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

'NODONG SINMUN' EDITORIAL ON INDOCTRINATION WORK

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[NODONG SINMUN 10 February editorial: "Let Us Deepen and Solidify Ideological Indoctrination Work To Meet the Requirements of Socialist Development"]

[Text] All party members and workers today have uniformly launched into the struggle of carrying out the militant tasks delineated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song in his new year message, and are registering new miracles and exploits everywhere, raising the flames of the three revolutions. The ideological revolution has been deepened in the course dyeing the entire society with chuche thought. Revolutionization and working classization have thus been accelerated and the spiritual and moral aspects of the people are renewed every day. In addition, a turning point is being registered in every sector of the economy, culture and construction.

In order to further spur our continuing revolution and to further consolidate and develop the party systematically and ideologically, one of our major tasks today is for all party organizations and functionaries to further deepen the unitary ideological indoctrination of the party, communist moral indoctrination, revolutionary indoctrination and class indoctrination, and further deepen and solidify ideological indoctrination work while intensifying the ideological indoctrination to check the ideological, cultural infiltration of imperialism.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught us: "Party organizations at all levels must carry out ideological work well in accordance with the level and situation of the party members, closely linking it with the implementation of the impending revolutionary tasks."

It is an invariable principle of our party in carrying out ideological indoctrination work that, in parallel with developing revolution and construction, we consolidate the ideological revolution and ceaselessly deepen the ideological indoctrination work.

Our party, from the early days of contemplating the construction of a new society, firmly grasping the ideological revolution to improve the ideological system of the people, has strongly established among the party members and workers the unitary ideological system of the party by cease-lessly deepening ideological indoctrination work in line with the revolution and construction and has brilliantly attained the ideological, systematic unity and solidarity of our party and the revolutionary line. In addition, the party has scored glorious achievements in every sector of revolution and construction. This clearly proves the correctness of our party line, by which we have consolidated the ideological revolution while meeting the demands of the developing situation.

The present situation of our revolution, in which we have a general task to dye the entire society with chuche thought, presents us with higher demands in the field of improving human beings and calls for us to further deepen ideological indoctrination work. Today, carrying out ideological indoctrination work perfectly and thoroughly constitutes, above all, an absolute demand for making the party members and workers true revolutionaries firmly armed with the world revolutionary viewpoint of the chuche ideology in accordance with the historical cause to dye the entire society with the chuche thought.

The fundamental issue in dyeing our society with chuche thought is that we make the people true, chuche-based revolutionaries endlessly loyal to the great leader. For this reason, we must above all make them possess a firm world revolutionary position. Establishing the world revolutionary position is an essential demand and a basic content of improving the people in the way of communism and of making them revolutionaries. By establishing the world revolutionary position, we can fully possess the ideological, spiritual position of communist revolutionaries, and strive to the end, unswervingly faithfully, with a firm belief, braving all circumstances to follow the revolutionary line indicated by the leader. In order to establish the world revolutionary position, we must rid the people of obsolete ideologies, make it a firm belief [words indistinct] and possess a lofty spiritual, moral aspect to striving for the cause of the communism. course for establishing a world revolutionary viewpoint accompanies the struggle against the persistent, obstinate obsolete ideologies and has to go through a certain [word indistinct], stage and process. By the same token, it is no less difficult and complicated than improving and developing the society. The world revolutionary stand can never be established through one or two sessions of indoctrination nor some sort of agitation method, but must be formed and consolidated through a steady, careful indoctrination and [word indistinct] process. Without carrying out ideological indoctrination work well in accordance with the stage and process of developing ideological awareness and the preparedness and situation of the people, it is impossible to deeply implant the revolutionary ideology among the people and to make them true revolutionaries. Furthermore, the cause of dyeing the entire society with chuche thought brings higher demands in the work of establishing the world revolutionary position.

The cause of dyeing the entire society with chuche thought is a severe and hard struggle against the class enemy and reactionary ideologies, and for the building of socialism and communism. We must cope with many hardships to attain the reunification of the fatherland and travel a difficult course to build socialism and communism, while carrying out the revolution to the end for the forthcoming generation. In order to develop the future of our revolution through thick and thin and carry out the cause of the chuche ideology to the end, all party members and workers must make themselves ardent, chuche-based revolutionaries endlessly loyal to the great leader, possessing a revolutionary belief, firm will and revolutionary awareness which remains firm under all circumstances. In order to make the people true revolutionaries firmly prepared and armed with the ideological and spiritual features of communists of the highest level, we must consolidate ideological revolution and ceaselessly deepen ideological indoctrination work. Ideological indoctrination work must be carried out well and deeply, consistent with the demand of revolutionary duties and the present situation. We can, then, make all party members and workers true revolutionaries firmly armed with the world revolutionary viewpoint of chuche, make them strongly united around the great leader, and have them faithfully struggle for the cause of chuche, while fully depending upon the leader and the party and invariably keeping the leader's revolutionary concept and the party line in their minds.

Today, to well and thoroughly carry out the ideological indoctrination work is a significant demand for registering a new upsurge in production and construction by making all functionaries and workers, with lofty awareness and responsibility to their revolutionary duties, better carry out the party line.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught us: "There is no ideological work apart from economic construction work. We do not need ideological work that cannot substantially help the consolidation and development of the national economy."

Socialist economic construction is one of the major revolutionary tasks of the party of the working class in power. Accordingly, ideological work must help economic work, and it must be directed toward further developing economic construction. A major objective of ideological work is that we accelerate socialist economic construction by mobilizing the revolutionary enthusiasm of the people—the masters of the revolution and construction—and the efficacy of ideological work must be proven by achievements in economic work.

Unlike the capitalist society, the acceleration of economic construction and the endless development of the society in a socialist society are achieved by the lofty political awareness and revolutionary enthusiasm of the people. The lofty political awareness and revolutionary enthusiasm of the people are the ideological and spiritual source for bringing endless strength and popular courage to bear in socialist economic construction

and constitute an all-powerful struggle capability. Increasing to the maximum extent the political awareness and revolutionary enthusiasm of the functionaries and workers occupying the posts and units of the socialist construction is the key to development of socialist and communist construction and to constant, rapid economic construction and a rapidly growing economy. Consequently, we must solve the economic problems of carrying out the complicated and vast tasks of the year of readjustment only in accord with the party's ideological theory and by increasing the political awareness and revolutionary enthusiasm of the people.

In reinforcing ideological indoctrination work we must firmly arm all functionaries including [word indistinct] functionaries with the lofty militant awareness of their duties. All functionaries will then strive to unconditionally carry out the party line always with the attitude of being master, thoroughly pursue the political and economic organizational work and far better carry out their missions. In addition, we must well and thoroughly carry out ideological indoctrination work among the party members and workers. Thus the life of the party members and workers will be improved every day and they can register constant innovations in production and construction, fully demonstrating the revolutionary enthusiasm and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, being relieved from want and anxiety.

Indeed, to well and thoroughly carry out ideological indoctrination work today is an important key to and a guarantee for training the party members and workers as revolutionaries endlessly loyal to the great leader, and further accelerating the cause of dyeing the entire society with chuche thought by registering a new upsurge in socialist construction.

All party organizations and functionaries firmly grasping the party line of well and thoroughly carrying out ideological indoctrination work as a major task of the party's ideological work, must vigorously carry out the struggle to make a new turning point in ideological indoctrination work. More important than anything else in the ideological indoctrination work is that we wisely carry out all indoctrination work including unitary ideological indoctrination, communist moral indoctrination, revolutionary indoctrination and class indoctrination among the party members and workers.

Theoretical indoctrination, by always clearly showing objectives and fundamentals of ideological indoctrination work, enable the party members and workers to better understand the principle of the revolution and accept it as life itself. By thoroughly carrying out theoretical indoctrination, we can have the party members and workers sort out right and wrong by being firmly armed with the world revolutionary position, and travel the road of revolution under all circumstances with firm beliefs and iron-willed conviction. The foremost task in theoretical indoctrination work is that we arm the party members and workers with the fundamental principles of the revolution. Above all, we must make the party members

and workers understand the revolutionary struggle and the characteristics of the achievements developed, prosecuted and accomplished under the leadership of the leader of the working class. In addition, we must make the party members and workers, thoroughly keeping in mind that the revolutionary cause of the working class can be achieved only through the revolutionary concept of the leader and the way developed by the leader, to unswervingly and strenuously struggle along the path of loyalty, always upholding the revolutionary concept of the great leader.

Another important issue in theoretical indoctrination is that we must have the party members and workers thoroughly root out all obsolete ideologies and traditions and fully arm them with spiritual, moral aspects of the communists. By making the party members and workers understand the principle of the socialist society, which is based on collectivism, we must make them struggle with all their strength for the fatherland, the people, the party and the revolution, with the lofty awareness of being masters of the nation and society, to cherish the property of the state as their own and positively participate in common work. At the same time, by reinforcing communist moral indoctrination, we must make the party members and workers always respect the revolutionary system and organization, subordinate their interests to the interests of the organizations and the state, thoroughly obey the social morality and the public order, love and take care of their revolutionary brothers and possess the lofty character of helping and guiding each other.

Also among the party members and workers we must make them clearly understand the reactionary nature of the bourgeoisie and the corruption of the capitalist society, so that they may sternly struggle to check the ideological and cultural infiltration of imperialism as well as all antipeople, anti-revolutionary ideologies, not allowing the emergence of the slightest trace of any reactionary ideologies in our society, nor the infiltration of them from outside.

An important factor in perfectly and thoroughly carrying out ideological indoctrination work is that we closely link present revolutionary tasks with the struggle to carry out the economic policy of the party. When we carry out ideological indoctrination work closely linked with the struggle to carry out party policy, we can further accelerate revolutionization and the working classization of the people and successfully carry out economic work. It is a significant demand of our party today that we make the functionaries and workers thoroughly carry out the party line with a lofty political awareness of the revolutionary cause and an attitude of being master, and that we concentrate on ideological indoctrination work.

All party organizations and functionaries, upholding the party line that they closely link party work with economic work, must direct their attention to correctly carrying out economic work and aggressively and ambitiously carry out political and ideological indoctrination work so that the functionaries and workers, with the awareness of being master, fully

demonstrate their revolutionary enthusiasm and initiative and thoroughly carry out the militant tasks of this year.

In this way, as instructed by the great leader and with a higher party spirit, working class spirit and popular spirit, all functionaries must thoroughly carry out party policies by vigorously and keenly planning every minor thing, pushing ahead with all work in a revolutionary spirit and thus responsively carrying through the assigned tasks.

By displaying the lofty revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and with a manner worthy of masters of the revolution, all party members and working people must carry out, without fail, the revolutionary tasks assigned to them by the party, work carefully and economically, save even a drop of oil, produce just one more ton of coal and thus become a truthworthy and true patriot.

The party functionaries and the three revolution team members must carry out ideological indoctrination work and ideological struggle more thoroughly in order to eliminate all types of corrupt ideological elements such as formalism and over-cautionism which hinder the implementation of the party policies. Thus they must bring about the revolutionary spirit among the working people of unconditionally carrying out party policies at any time and place.

Another important question arising in conducting ideological indoctrination work in a substantial manner and in great depth is, rather than uniformly using one method alone, to plan and execute the work in conformity with the characteristics of the target.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim II-song taught: "It is good to teach people methodically, starting from the simple and easy thing at the beginning to gradually complicated things, taking into consideration the level of knowledge, the circumstance, character and interests of the people."

The society is composed of people of different levels of knowledge, tastes, assigned duty and work conditions. Therefore, ideological indoctrination work must be done in conformity with the individual characteristics and level of knowledge of the people, using various formats and methods.

Like a medical doctor prescribing for a patient in accordance with his condition of disease and physical constitution, we must carefully and deeply grasp the characteristics of people and then plan ideological indoctrination work in conformity with these characteristics. At the same time, we must also use our brains to seek a method that is suitable to the preferences and understanding of the people.

Ideological indoctrination work which is inconsistent with the psychology and emotion of the masses can hardly achieve success, no matter how good

the form may be. The success of ideological indoctrination work is decided not by its form and [word indistinct] but by results in other words, how much the ideological indoctrination work has changed and improved the ideological awareness of the people.

Therefore, we must carry out ideological indoctrination work in such a manner that the ideological indoctrination can touch the people's hearts and emotion and make them fully understand.

An important thing in carrying out the ideological indoctrination work in great depth and in substantial manner is to go deeply among the masses in accordance with the demands of the propaganda and agitation work method of the anti-Japanese guerrillas, and to energetically conduct indoctrination work in a handy and convenient way without using a fixed form or rule.

In the stern and arduous days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, under the leadership of the great leader Kim Il-song, the anti-Japanese guerrilla unit members, even amidst fierce battles, always mingled with and went deeply among the masses in the guerrilla bases and [words indistinct] and imbued the masses with the anti-Japanese struggle spirit by carrying out ardent propaganda and agitation work among the masses in great depth.

The deep penetration of the functionaries among the masses is an important requirement in the propaganda and agitation method of the anti-Japanese guerrilla unit type. The place where actual ideological indoctrination work is conducted is the production site of the masses. At the same time, the object of the ideological indoctrination work is the production masses.

If the functionaries fail to deeply penetrate among the masses and to understand and grasp the situation facing the masses, ideological indoctrination work cannot be successfully carried out and the instructions of the great leader and the intention of the party cannot be deeply planted among the masses.

Deeply mingling with and penetrating the masses serves to make it possible for ideological indoctrination work to be fruitful and successful. It allows us to conduct fresh and new ideological indoctrination work and thus to inspire the masses deeply.

All functionaries including those in the ideological indoctrination work field must go deeply down into people's neighborhood units and live with the masses in carrying out political work with the masses, following the anti-Japanese guerrilla style of indoctrination work.

All functionaries, through the use of the most active mobile oral propaganda activities and the explanation of party policies in easier and understandable terms and words, must see to it that the masses can act as instructed by the party all the time and vigorously carry out the party policies.

Another important question arising in conducting ideological indoctrination work in great depth and in a substantial manner is to decisively enhance the political and practical abilities and cultural indoctrination of the functionaries. No matter how they try to conduct well their ideological indoctrination work, if they are ignorant the functionaries cannot become true indoctrination workers who will impart good ideological knowledge to the masses. They cannot free themselves from the strictures of formalism and conventionalism. The functionaries must possess a high level of political theory and other knowledge and technology. By doing so they can easily mingle with the masses and explain and permeate party policies among the masses in great depth, using easily understandable terms and words, and thus become enthusiastic propagandists capable of instructing the masses in party policies and proficiently organizing them for the implementation of the policies at all places—at lectures, talks and conversation, or in classes.

Therefore, while being deeply cognizant of the fact that [words indistinct] ideological indoctrination work cannot be expected, all functionaries must display revolutionary study habits, become zealots who study persistently, always become familiar with the party policies and thus exert burning efforts to the proficient discussion of economy, science, technology and culture. The struggle to carry out ideological indoctrination work in great depth and in a substantial manner is not only a responsible task of training and fostering all members of our society into the true revolutionaries and boosting the ideological unity, solidarity and integrity of our party and the ranks of the revolution into a new higher phase, but also a glorious and worthy struggle to mark a great new turning point in our revolution.

Functionaries in the ideological work field, in order to successfully carry out the weighty but glorious duties assigned them by the party, must exert their efforts to win success, without fail, in planning and implementing every single thing by doing it responsively and in an orderly manner with clear and pure loyalty and higher revolutionary zeal.

Making a vigorous march forward in accordance with the guidance of our glorious party to plant new and fresh ideological and spiritual knowledge among the masses with the aim of brilliantly realizing the revolutionary ideology set forth by the great leader and to constantly mark a new turning point in all fields of party work, revolution and construction insures that the future of our people promises only the prospect of brilliant victory.

By thoroughly implementing the party line to conduct ideological indoctrination work in a substantial manner and in great depth, and by marking a new turning point in ideological work, let the entire party and society be filled with a higher revolutionary zeal and spirit, and let us achieve a greater upsurge in realizing the revolutionary task of chuche.

SOUTHERN JOURNALISTS URGED TO SUPPORT DPRK PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 9 (KCNA)—The Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union on February 8 issued a statement calling upon the South Korean men of the press to take a stance of true pressmen and daringly turn out in a struggle for carrying into practice the four-point national salvation proposal put forward at a joint meeting of political parties and public organisations held in Pyongyang.

The statement said that the new reunification proposal advanced at the joint meeting is a most just and reasonable one for the achievement of the peaceful reunification of the country.

Exposing that the South Korean authorities are tightening the gag on the press as never before, afraid that our fair and aboveboard reunification proposal shall be known to the South Korean people, the statement continued:

"The progressive journalists and other men of the press in South Korea, if they truly love the country and feel concerned about the future of the nation, should rise up determinedly, frustrating courageously the suppression of the press by the authorities and shatter the 'two Koreas' scheme of the splittists within and without, and merge their voice into the loud shouts of the whole nation for national salvation, the shouts for the reunification of the country.

"The journalists and other men of the press in South Korea should convey our new reunification proposal to the South Korean people of broad strata and powerfully arouse them to the sacred struggle for its realization.

"Only this road is the genuinely patriotic road for us men of the press, the road of national salvation for reunification and the road of keeping away national disasters and saving the country and the nation from dangers," the statement stressed.

FORMER SOUTH KOREAN POLITICIANS SUPPORT NEW PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)—The Association of Former South Korean Politicians in the North for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification made public a statement on February 9 fully supporting the new national salvation proposal adopted at the recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations in Pyongyang and appealing to all political parties, public organizations, people of all strata and opposition political figures in South Korea to actively join the nationwide struggle for realizing it.

The statement noted: The Association of Former South Korean Politicians in the North for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification formed with former politicians and figures of various parties and groupings of South Korea who now live in the North considers that the recent new proposal correctly embodying the policy of the country's independent and peaceful reunification advanced by respected and beloved President Kim Il-song, the great leader of our nation, is the most fair, patriotic, realistic and great national salvation programme reflecting the unanimous desire and will of the whole nation and fully supports and warmly hails this.

The statement lashed the South Korean rulers for persistently pursuing the criminal "two Koreas" plot going against the desire of the whole nation and the urgent demand of the times.

It said: It is we Koreans who will undergo sufferings when the split of the nation is perpetuated in our country and it is none other than we Koreans who will suffer disasters if a nuclear war breaks out as a consequence of split and confrontation.

Noting that the cause of national reunification can be successfully accomplished only through the nationwide great alliance of the socialist forces in the North and the patriotic and democratic forces in the South, the statement went on:

Those who truly want reunification can join efforts and collaborate with each other for the sake of the country and the nation, though they have different political views, religious beliefs and assertions.

We, charged with a mission to oppose war and split and to contribute to the country's independent and peaceful reunification, solemnly declare that we will determinedly join the nationwide struggle to curb and smash the "two Koreas" plot of the nation-splittists and promote the cause of national reunification.

At the same time, we ardently appeal to all the political parties, public organizations, people of all strata, opposition political figures and old friends of ours in South Korea to actively respond to the patriotic proposal of the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations in the North, keenly aware that it is the urgent common national cause to remove the danger of a nuclear war and permanent split in our country and to promote its peaceful reunification.

DPRK STUDENT GROUP URGES SUPPORT TO SALVATION PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)--The Korean Students Committee issued a statement on February 9 ardently appealing to all the Korean students organizations and students in South Korea and abroad to determinedly rise in the just patriotic struggle for the early realization of the new national salvation proposal advanced by the recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

The new four-point national salvation proposal put forward by the joint meeting is the most fair and aboveboard one acceptable to anyone who truly loves the country and the nation and desires reunification, and the realization of this proposal will open up a new phase in the way of national reunification, the statement said.

It denounced the South Korean authorities for instilling so-called "anti-communist" consciousness into the minds of the South Korean people and students to further incite antagonism and confrontation, misunderstanding and mistrust within the nation, while categorically opposing our fair and reasonable national salvation proposal.

The statement stressed:

The South Korean students who love justice and truth and have always stood in the van in the struggle for national salvation should vigorously struggle, in active response to our national salvation proposal, for the abolition of the fascist and splittist ruling system of South Korea causing a discord within the nation and undermining great national unity, the democratization of society and the release of the illegally arrested and imprisoned students and patriotic people and thereby make a worthy contribution to the sacred cause of accelerating the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The Korean Students Committee firmly believes that the progressive students organizations and students of the world that value peace and democracy and love justice and truth will raise higher their voices in active support of the struggle of our people and students for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

USSR, CSSR ORGANS SUPPORT PYONGYANG MEETING'S PROPOSAL

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[Excerpt] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)--Public organizations of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Madagascar made public statements supporting the new national salvation proposal put forward at a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang recently.

In its statement the Soviet Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity fully supported the letter adopted at the joint meeting. It said:

For the realization of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea which will be greatly conducive to peace in Asia, it is required to implement the resolution of the 30th United Nations General Assembly on making all the foreign troops withdraw from South Korea and letting the Korean people shape their destiny independently.

The Soviet public supports the constructive proposal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to convene a North-South political consultative conference represented by all the political parties and public organizations and people of all walks of life in the North and South of Korea.

The Czechoslovak Committee for Afro-Asian People's Solidarity hailed in its statement the new initiative of political parties and public organizations of Korea and expressed the conviction that the four-point national salvation proposal would contribute to the final solution of the Korean question.

MADAGASCAR PARTY SUPPORTS PYONGYANG SALVATION PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)—The Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea received a letter from Didier Ratsiraka, general secretary of the Central Committee of the revolutionary vanguard of Madagascar, supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25.

The letter said:

We studied with deep interest the "Letter to political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in South Korea and compatriots overseas" adopted at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations in the northern half of your republic which was held in Pyongyang on January 25, 1977.

We cannot tolerate the schemes to perpetuate the division of Korea and convert Korea into the hotbed of a nuclear war at a time when the world people, the peoples of our region in particular, are struggling for peace and progress and striving to eradicate imperialism, the root cause of war, oppression and poverty.

We assure you that the revolutionary vanguard of Madagascar is standing firm on the side of you who are struggling to carry out the new national salvation program for the reunification of Korea put forward in the letter dated January 25, 1977.

KCNA REPORTS ON INNOVATIONS TO BOOST COAL PRODUCTION

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)—New innovations in coal production are reported from coal mines under the General Bureau of Coal Industry.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught us in his New Year address that great efforts should be directed to keeping the mining industries decidedly ahead of the processing industries as one of the central tasks facing us this year.

The capacities of the thermal power plants and the processing industries showed a remarkable growth in our country in the course of the struggle for the overall fulfilment of the tasks of the six-year plan in the recent years. This led to the increase of the demand for coal in particular.

The coal mines are raising production still higher by giving precedence to earth-scraping and capital tunnelling and effecting technical innovations to fully meet the demand for coal at the thermal power plants and other industrial establishments and different domains.

The coal miners and the members of three-revolution teams have lifted the amount of capital tunnelling to 105 per cent, preparatory tunnelling to 110.6 per cent and coal output to 112 per cent above the average level at the end of last year.

The coal mines in South Hamgyong Province have brought about a signal innovation in production by giving precedence to earth-scraping and tunnelling and actively introducing highly efficient coal-cutting equipment.

The Yonghung Youth Coal Mine, an open-cast mine, concentrated the large-size excavators and heavy-duty trucks on earth-scraping. As a result, it beat its target for last month at 110 per cent on the 23rd and, entering February, it is surpassing the daily coal production quota by more than 50 per cent by intensifying the speed battle.

The coal mines in the northern region, a dependable coal production base of the country, topped every day in January the daily average of December

last year by 46.2 per cent in capital tunnelling and 22.5 per cent in coal output. It is maintaining a high level in production this month.

The coal mines under the Tokchon District Coal Industry Management Bureau have of late raised the daily coal output by 20 per cent above the daily average in the comparable period last year by raising a fiercer flame of the collective innovation drive.

The Toksong Coal Mine has increased the results of capital and preparatory tunnelling by 30 per cent as compared with the like time last year. By introducing highly efficient coal-cutting methods, the miners there are excavating every day more than 1,000 tons of coal above the daily average at the end of last year.

RWANDAN ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS PYONGYANG MEETING'S PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)--A letter supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25 came to the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea from the Central Committee of the National Revolutionary Movement for Development of Rwanda.

The letter said: The Central Committee of the National Revolutionary Movement for Development of Rwanda studied with deep interest the "letter to political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in South Korea and compatriots overseas" and the document of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea pertaining to it.

The National Revolutionary Movement for Development of Rwanda is following with great attention the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The Rwandan Government and people rallied firm around the National Revolutionary Movement for Development fully support the new national salvation proposal for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country put forward in the "letter to political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in South Korea and compatriots overseas."

The Rwandan Government and people will actively support the Korean people's policy of independent and peaceful reunification for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops, nuclear weapons and all other military equipment from South Korea and the achievement of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country without any outside interference.

The Rwandan Government and people regard the just cause of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country as their own and will always stand by the Korean people.

SRV ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT PYONGYANG MEETING'S PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 10 (KCNA)—A letter supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced by the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations came to the Korea-Vietnam Friendship Association from the Vietnamese Committee for Supporting the Struggle of the Korean People for the country's Reunification and the Vietnam-Korea Friendship Association.

The letter said that the national salvation proposal put forward by the joint meeting is one conforming to the aspiration of the entire Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The Vietnamese Committee for Supporting the Struggle of the Korean People for the Country's Reunification and the Vietnam-Korea Friendship Association, together with the entire Vietnamese people, will strengthen support and encouragement to the struggle of the brotherly Korean people against the U.S. imperialists and their puppets and for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, the letter said.

It strongly demanded that the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique give up at once the "two Koreas" plot to keep Korea divided permanently, unconditionally withdraw the U.S. troops and all weapons of destruction including atomic weapons from South Korea, discontinue the fascist repression of the people and give freedom to the patriots who were arrested and imprisoned while fighting for democracy and the country's independent and peaceful reunification and stressed that Korea's reunification must be achieved by the Korean people themselves without any outside interference.

PYONGYANG RADIO ON IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL LIFE

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[Unattributed talk: "Let Us Cherish and Endlessly Glorify the Most Precious Political Life Given to Us by the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il-song"]

[Text] People can become true members of society and enjoy a rewarding life only by possessing a political life.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught us: "It can be safely said that, to people, who are social beings, the social, political life is more important than the physical life."

Political life affords people the most precious and rewarding life, and is far more important than the physical life. The people's life is worthwhile only when they live their life carrying out revolution. It is otherwise not worthwhile if they spend time merely preserving their physical lives. People can enjoy a life worthy of a human being by having social, political activities and struggling for the revolution. When they struggle for their leader, party, fatherland and people at the risk of their lives, they can rejoice in the true merit and honor of human beings as social beings. If people give up their conscience and dignity for personal comfort and pleasure and betray their revolutionary faith, they lose their value as human beings. There is a limit to people's physical lives, but political life gives people eternal life.

The glorious achievements, revolutionary spirit and the political life of anti-Japanese revolutionaries such as Comrades O Chong-huk, Kwon Yong-pyok, Yi Chae-sun and Ma Tong-hui, who fought to the end against the enemy for the liberation of the fatherland and the liberty of the people, still live in the hearts of our people. Political life is thus more precious to people than anything else.

The political life of our people is the most precious and glorious political life bestowed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. Why is the political life of our people that precious and glorious? First of all,

it is because the political life of our people enables us to arm ourselves with chuche thought -- the great leader's revolutionary ideology, the most scientific, revolutionary position of the world, and the concept of leadership of our times--enjoy a most rewarding life, and struggle for the revolution. The value of the people's political life is largely dependent upon what ideology the people take as their revolutionary belief. The value of the people's political life is not set by money or any other material thing but by their ideologies. Though they be physically healthy, they will be useless for revolutionary work and good for nothing politically and ideologically, unless they are strongly armed with revolutionary ideology. The great leader's chuche thought is not only the primary ideology of the Korean revolution, but also the most scientific, great revolutionary ideology of the working class in our times that delineates the future of the world revolutionary peoples. The great leader's revolutionary ideology, chuche thought, gives guidance not only for the people who struggle to build socialism and a heaven on earth, but also provides ideology, theory, and spiritual and moral aspects to be possessed by the people who will live in this utmost ideal society of the mankind. In addition, the great leader's revolutionary ideology clearly shows basic measures for improvements and revolutions in society. The political life of our people is that precious because it takes the great leader's revolutionary ideology which is most glorious and supreme in the history of ideology as its ideological and spiritual sustenance.

The second reason that the political life of our people is that precious and glorious is because it enables us to grow up as chuche-based revolutionaries enjoying the great leader's lofty political trust and endless solicitude. The great leader has called our people, who were sacrificial lambs of politics in the past, to most powerful and glorious members of revolutionary organizations, and gives us lofty political trust and endless solicitude for further glorifying our political lives.

The people's desire to live as masters of the nature and the society, relieved of all restrictions, can by no means be materialized by their own capability. Only when they struggle firmly united around the revolutionary organizations led by the great leader of the working class, can the working masses win in their revolutionary struggles, and enjoy independent, creative lives as masters of society, relieved from all restrictions.

By vigorously carrying out their revolutionary tasks and political activities as members of the revolutionary organizations, they can independently and creatively improve nature and society, and fully accomplish their duties and roles as masters of the revolution and construction. Today our people maintain and foster their political life in the most authoritative Korean workers' party and the working class organizations originated and led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, and struggle at the risk of their lives to realize the cause of the revolution delineated by the great leader. Enjoying the paternal affection of the respected and beloved

leader, who makes sincere efforts to train all of our people as true revolutionaries, we must make strenuous efforts, gaining the most precious honor and pride of being members of the most authoritative Korean Workers' Party and members of the working class organizations originated and led by the great leader. To cherish and endlessly glorify the most precious political life given by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song is the most sacred mission of our party members and workers—the revolutionary fighters endlessly loyal to the respected and beloved leader and the party center.

ROMANIAN PRESIDENT SUPPORTS DPRK SALVATION PROPOSAL

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[Text] Pyongyang, February 11 (KCNA)—The great leader Comrade Kim Il—song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and president of the state of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message of solidarity sent by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, general secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and president of the Romanian Socialist Republic, in support of the new national salvation proposal put forward by the recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

The message of solidarity reads:

Comrade Kim Il-song General Secretary of the Central Committee Workers Party of Korea President Democratic People's Republic of Korea Pyongyang

Esteemed Comrade Kim Il-song,

I took note with great interest of the letter which the recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea sent to political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in South Korea after adopting new proposals to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian people and on my own behalf, I extend the heartiest congratulations to you and to the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and the entire Korean people on this new valuable initiative aimed at realizing the supreme national desire of the Korean people.

The Romanian people follow with deep sympathy the consistent, creative struggle waged by the Korean people under the leadership of the Workers Party of Korea headed by you to build socialism in the northern half and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The rational and constructive proposals put forward in the letter adopted at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are characteristic of the years long struggles and initiatives of the Workers Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and of you yourself to the end of seeing accomplished the legitimate desire of the entire Korean people to live in a reunified, independent, peaceful and democratic state and achieve the development of the country on the path of social and economic progress, and this is considered as a fresh expression of the high sense of responsibility for the destiny of the Korean people and general cause of peace.

Esteemed Comrade Kim Il-song,

Warmly welcoming this new initiative directed to the achievement of the independent and peaceful reunification of your homeland, I assure you of our whole fraternal backing for the righteous cause of the brother Korean people.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my full conviction that the relations of close friendship, militant solidarity and many-sided cooperation between our two parties and two peoples will develop and consolidate still more to the benefit of our two peoples, of the cause of socialism and peace all over the world.

Nicolae Ceausescu General Secretary Romanian Communist Party President Romanian Socialist Republic

Bucharest, February 9, 1977.

BRIEFS

WATER CONSERVANCY--The Pongsan Irrigation Station, Pongsan County, North Hwanghae Province has overfulfilled its water conservancy plan for this year through the full operation of water pumps and thorough maintenance of irrigation structures. The irrigation reservoirs in the county are filled to capacity. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 4 Feb 77 SK]

RIVERINE PROJECTS—The workers in Sinhung County, South Hamgyong Province are expediting riverine projects by mobilizing all available tractors and other mechanized means under the guidance of three-revolution teams. They have already completed 1,200 meters of embankment construction work. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 4 Feb 77 SK]

FARMING IMPLEMENT PRODUCTION--The Kaesong Machinery Factory produces farming tools and equipment including water pumps and irrigation pipes at a rate that is 200 percent above the same period of last year. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0100 GMT 4 Feb 77 SK]

COAL PRODUCTION--By utilizing high efficiency mining equipment and adopting improved working methods, workers of Toksong and other collieries in Tokchon District, under the instruction and guidance of three-revolution team members, have greatly exceeded their daily assignments in the production of coal. Also, workers of Kowon, Sudong, Yongun, Yongdung, Aoji, Kochang and other collieries have registered an upsurge in coal production. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 6 Feb 77 SK]

IRON FOUNDRY--Workers of the 13 April iron foundry have continued to maintain the standard they attained at the outset of this year. Under the guidance of the foundry's party organization and the three-revolution teams, functionaries of the foundry have mingled with the workers and encouraged them to register a production upsurge. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 6 Feb 77 SK]

KIM IL GREETS SRV'S TRUONG CHINH--Pyongyang, February 8 (KCNA)--Comrade Kim II, first vice-president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on February 8 sent a message of greetings to Comrade Truong Chinh, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the latter's 70th birthday. The message of greetings reads: "I extend warmest congratulations and felicitations to you on your 70th birthday. I sincerely wish you greater success in your noble work for the socialist revolution and socialist construction in Vietnam as well as good health." [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1631 GMT 8 Feb 77 OW]